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1. The poor financial condition of the Partido Comunista de Colombia (PCC), as reflected in the financial campaign for the publication Vanguardia del Pueblo, has been one of the reasons for its failure to obtain recruits and expand its activities.
2. Certain aspects of the original plan for the financial campaign of the PCC have had to be changed because of the poor response. The pro-Vanguardia campaign, which was initiated in December 1948 and was to end on 10 January, is being continued. The depleted state of the Party treasury made it impossible to publish Vanguardia for the week of 14-20 March.
3. In an effort to increase contributions, the method of collecting funds has also been changed. The original plan called for the sale of bonds, with departmental committees in charge of the campaign in their respective departments. However, many localities have not received their allotment of bonds and have been unable to initiate local campaigns. It is now planned to have national leaders visit the departments to give added impetus to the campaign. Jaime Barrios has been sent to the Department of Valle, and Mercedes Abadia and Victor Bohoquez have spoken in the Department of Tolima. They will take charge of funds collected in these areas.
4. Prominent Communists have been put directly in charge of the campaign in the departments and will work with the departmental committees, making semi-monthly reports to the national Secretary of Finance. They are as follows:

Cundinamarca

Julio Posada

Valle

Victor J. Merchan

Tolina

Jose Cardona Hoyos

Santander (Sur)

Luis E. Pachon

Antioquia

Alvaro Vasquez del Real

Santander Norte

Mercedes Abadia

Atlantico

Martin Camargo

Jorge Regueros Peralta

Joaquin Moreno Diaz

Juan de Dios Toro

Paster Rincon

Bernardo Medina P.

Arturo Maldonado

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| Caldas | Horacio Ospina M. |
| | Gabriel Velez E. |
| | Jose Miguel Marin V. |
| Cauca | Alvaro Pio Valencia |
| | Tullio Guevara |
| Bolivar | Jose del Carmen Perez G. |
| Huila | Ernesto Cordoba |
| | Santos Castrillo |
| Magdalena | Victor Mier Sevilla |

5. The following figures indicate that the campaign has not gone according to plan:

| Department | Monthly Quota | Total Collected 1 Dec. '48 to 15 Mar. '49 |
|--------------------|------------------|--|
| Cundinamarca | 800 pesos | 432.50 pesos |
| Valle | 350 | 288.75 |
| Tolima | 280 | 239.00 |
| Santander (Sur) | 250 | 227.00 |
| Antioquia | 200 | 50.00 |
| Norte de Santander | 150 | 300.00 |
| Atlantico | 130 | 50.00 |
| Caldas | 130 | 55.00 |
| Cauca | 70 | 106.00 |
| Bolivar | 40 | ----- |
| Huila | 40 | 33.00 |
| Magdalena | 30 | 25.00 |
| Boyaca | 15 | ----- |
| Narino | 15 | ----- |
| Total | 2500. pesos | 1086.25 pesos. |

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